

**REMARKS**

Claims 35 and 37 have been amended. Claims 13, 14, 18 - 33, and 35 - 37 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, claims 14, 19, 21, 22, and 35 - 37 were objected to. Furthermore, in the Office Action, claims 13, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,161,557 to Suzuki et al. (Suzuki et al '557). Also, claims 13, 14 and 19 - 22 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,738,549 to Plimpton (Plimpton '549). Additionally, in the Office Action, claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plimpton '549. Furthermore, claims 23 - 24 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plimpton '549 in view of US Patent No. 6,385,869 to MacWilliams et al. (MacWilliams '869). Moreover, claims 25 - 28 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plimpton '549 in view of GB Patent No. 2,318,870 to Hicken (Hicken GB '870). Further additionally, claims 29 - 30 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plimpton '549 and Hicken GB '870 in view of MacWilliams '869. Also, claim 31 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Plimpton '549 and Hicken GB '870 in view of WO Patent No. 01/46661 to Marques et al. (Marques et al WO '661).

The Office Action indicates that claims 32 and 33 are allowed and that claims 35 - 37 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claims objections.

**The Objection to Claims 35 - 37**

With respect to the objection to claims and 35 - 37, the Office Action indicates that the limitations of "one hemisphere" and "the other hemisphere" in claims 35 and 37 are confusing. The Examiner noted that, for purposes of the present Office Action, these just-noted limitations were treated as a generic description such as portion or section. Claims 35 and 37 have now been amended to delete the expressions of "one hemisphere" and "the other hemisphere" and to substitute therefor a generic description

as suggested in the form of the expressions "one portion" and "another portion" and it is thus submitted that claims 35 and 37 are now non-objectable.

Applicants hereby solicit entry of this Amendment that will result in removal of the objected-to language in claims 35 - 37. As claims 35 - 37 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the above-noted objection, entry of the present amendment is respectfully solicited on the grounds that allowance of claims 35 - 37 will place the present application in better condition for appeal. A Notice of Appeal had been previously filed and an Appeal Brief has been filed on even date herewith that addresses the remaining final rejections of the pending claims 13, 14, and 18 - 31.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 35 - 37, in addition to the indicated allowance of claims 32 and 33, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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